



# Proclamation

John Costa Cazinha, affectionately known as “Papa John,” was born on September 21, 1916 in the little town of Paʻauilo on the Big Island of Hawaiʻi. As the eldest of eight children, Mr. Cazinha came to the island of Oʻahu to live with his maternal grandparents, who coincidentally lived around the corner from his paternal grandparents.

Papa John attended St. Mark’s School, Kuliʻo and Aliʻiolani Elementary Schools and earned his diploma from Roosevelt High School. He began his working career at American Can, making cans for the pineapple cannery. He later worked as a bookkeeper for Redline Transfer, and in 1940, was hired as an outside machinist for the infamous Shop 38 at the Pearl Harbor Shipyard. His long and distinguished career spanned 33 years, from before World War II until his retirement in 1973.

Papa John met his lovely wife Eleanor Irene “Elly” Medeiros at the Fort Street Church carnival. While being stuck together atop a broken Ferris wheel, Papa John and Elly got to know more about each other in the skies above Honolulu. After they were married, Papa John and Elly lived in Kapahulu, Pauoa, and finally Kaneʻohe, where he continues to reside today. They had four children, Patrick Wayne, Patricia, Carolyn Aupuni and John Robert.

Papa John is an active member of the community. He played baseball for Shop 38 and was a part of the Championship League Title winning team in 1956. Motivated by his passion for baseball, he started coaching Little League in the 1960s and influenced countless young players, many of whom continue to keep in contact with him today. In addition, he coached the Red Sox Minor League and Athletics Major League, where many of his players went on to be All-Stars at the University of Hawaiʻi.

Papa John is the loving grandfather of five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In his 33<sup>rd</sup> year of retirement, he continues to be active with his hobbies, including carpentry, raising birds and socializing and helping the fisherman at Heʻeia Kea Pier in Kaneʻohe. Papa John also enjoys tending to his garden where he grows various vegetables. He is most proud of his own strain of Hawaiian chili pepper – *Papa John’s Hawaiian Jalapeno*.

As the longest and oldest resident of Haleloke Place, Papa John is regarded in his neighborhood as the “Mayor.” The people who have had the privilege of knowing Papa John describe him as a kind, honest, articulate, socially graceful and the ultimate husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

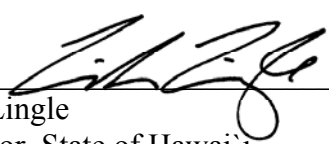
On September 21, 2006, Papa John celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. On September 30, friends and family will gather at Pah Ke’s Chinese Restaurant in Kaneʻohe to celebrate this momentous occasion with an extraordinary man who has brought great happiness and joy to so many.

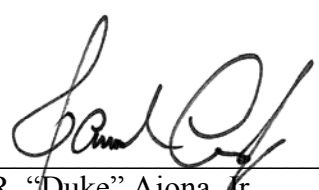
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawaiʻi, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2006, as

## JOHN COSTA CAZINHA DAY

in Hawaiʻi, and offer our best wishes for a wonderful birthday celebration.

**Done** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaiʻi, this twenty-first day of September 2006.

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

  
James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaiʻi